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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF
BURUNDI

IPF:(1987-91) $ 33 622 000
(BDI/89/022) - Aménagement des Centres Urbains (Phase II)

Date of approval by the AC:[1]/	3 April 1991
Expected duration:	Four year and six months
Proposed executing agency:	Government in association with UNCHS (Habitat)
Government implementing agency:	Ministry of Public Works and Urban Development
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$ 1 597 800 Source of funds: IPF

Project background

Burundi is a landlock country, under-urbanized, with a high degree of occupancy of especially agricultural soils. Existing urban centers are rather small towns with essentially administrative functions; and the usual urban population structure is constituted of farmers (25 percent), artisans (five percent), civil servants (35 percent) and traders and services (35 percent). The total urban population represented in 1990, 7.4 percent of the total population and could reach 25.8 percent by 2025.

The urban structure is however very unevenly distributed with a high concentration on the capital city (230,000 in 1990, or almost 5 percent of the total population). The Government's strategy is to direct the influx of the rural population to the secondary towns instead of the capital. In order to do so the secondary towns should become themselves capable of supporting rural development efforts.

1/ This Fact Sheet reflects the status of the project/revision at the time it was reviewed and approved by the Action Committee; modifications to the project/revision may have occurred subsequently.

UNDP assistance started in March 1988, with an IPF contribution of $ 949 565 over three years. The project covered four secondary urban centers not only to prepare urban development plans, but also to work on concrete implementation schemes to obtain an urban redistribution of the population, to create employment outside the agricultural sector and to provide basic urban services and infrastructures. According to the evaluation which took place in November-December 1990, these objectives have been obtained despite the limited IPF resources, and due to the seriousness with which the Government has approached the project (legal framework of a national urban policy and a high national participation in the execution of the project). To further support rural development efforts, the Government requested UNDP assistance under the present second phase.

Description of project

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) contribute towards strengthening the legal and institutional framework for urban development: (b) expand the project to include four additional urban centers, in terms of planning; (c) implement the urban development strategies in the four centers of the first phase; and (d) provide continued training of national staff to strengthen the national institutions capacity to duplicate the schemes in other urban centers.

Inputs

UNDP will provide 36 man-months of a community development specialist, 24 man-months of consultants in general project support, communal finance management, and institution building; 63 man-months of administrative support; 98 man-months of national consultants; subcontracts for topographical studies overseas and other technical services; fellowships in education; and equipment such as photo equipment, computers, xerox and copy machines, and vehicles.

Financial data

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Personnel	716 800
Subcontract	574 000
Training	145 000
Equipment	102 000
Miscellaneous	60 000
Total	1 597 800

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